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Application of

Ryoji HAGIWARA et al.

Serial No. 10/016,830 : Group Art Unit - 1756

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In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required in connection with this response; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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